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1. MAIN FOCUS OF SEMINAR WOULD BE PRESENTATION OF PAPERS BY ABOUT TEN CZECH SPEAKERS AND HOWEVER MANY AMERICAN EXPERTS PARTICIPATING. FIGURE OF "100-150 CZECHS" IN PRAGUE 4 01 REFERRED TO TOTAL LOCAL ATTENDEES, WHO WOULD REPRESENT LEADING SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, AND OFFICIALS IN ENVIROMENTAL FIELD. IN ADDITION TO PRESENTATION OF PAPERS, SEMINAR WOULD INCLUDE QUESTION PERIODS, INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND PANELS, FILM PRESENTATIONS, AND FIELD TRIPS FOR ON- THE- SPOT INSPECTION OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND COUNTERMEASURES.

2. ALTHOUGH FUNDING SUGGESTED REFTEL PARA 3 UNLIKELY, FMTID HAS CONFIRMED WILLINGNESS CZECHO- SLOVAK SIDE TO COVER LOCAL HOTEL EXPENSES PER PARA 5 OF PRAGUE 401.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT USG AGENCIES ACTIVE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WOULD FIND PARTICIPATION
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IN SEMINAR HIGHLY BENEFICIAL, IN THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD PERMIT DIRECT EXCHANGE WITH HOST COUNTRY COUNTERPARTS ON STATE OF THE ART AND WORK IN PROGRESS, WITH A VIEW TOWARD FUTURE EXCHANGES AND/ OR JOINT PROJECTS. QUITE ASIDE FROM POLITICAL ADVANTAGES OF US PARTICIPATION, CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS MUCH TO OFFER US IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TECHNOLOGY, AND WE STRONGLY URGE BROADEST POSSIBLE US PARTICIPATION.
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